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PolOff delivered demarche (ref a) to Zvi Rav-Ner, Director of the MFA Central Europe Department, on March 4. Although Israel has yet to recognize Kosovo, PolOff suggested that given its history of past contributions, Israel may be able to contribute to areas that are not directly related to sovereignty such as agriculture, education or health. Rav-Ner replied that it may be possible for Israel to contribute along those lines and he promised to study the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). He said the GOI would notify the U.S. in advance if Israel decided to make a pledge for the conference.

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